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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed are presented replacement sheets with Figures 7 and 8 labeled as "prior art". Annotated sheets showing the changes are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The Examiner requested a number of specification changes per 35 U.S.C. 112. The appropriate corrections are implemented in the proposed Amendment B.

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The Examiner objected to the drawings, specifically figures 7 and 8, which he stated should be properly labelled as "prior art" in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). The appropriate changes are made to the figures and "replacement sheets" are submitted in the proposed Amendment B.

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Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by any one of Brett, Muller, Hinuma et al (cited by applicants'), Esterson and Yoshihara et al.

The appropriate changes in claims 1 and 2 (e.g., claim 2 is amended to become a dependent claim of claim 1) are implemented in the Amendment B which obviate the Examiner's objections.

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The rejections and objections of the Official Action dated March 22, 2005, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested, and the passage of the claims to issue is earnestly solicited.

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FIG. 6

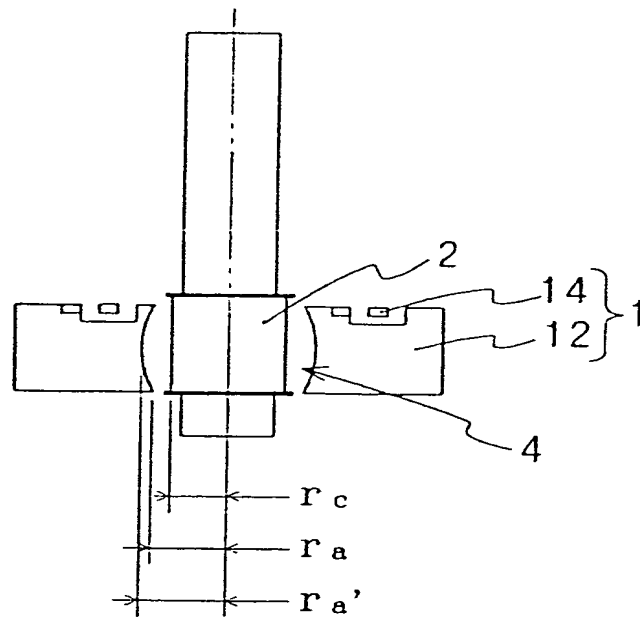


FIG. 7 (PRIOR ART)

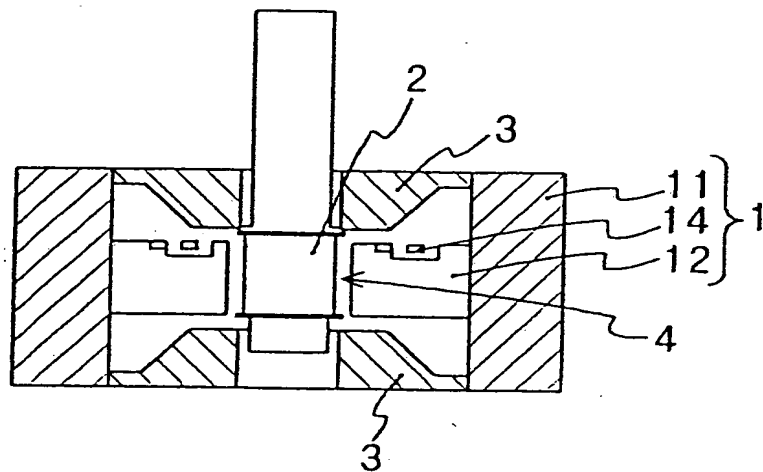


FIG. 8 (PRIOR ART)

